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SUBJECT: POLISARIO FRONT OFFICIALS VISIT GUYANA

1. TWO OFFICIALS OF THE POLISARIO FRONT (PF), IDENTIFIED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AS BILAL AHMED, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE IN CUBA, AND FALILI SALEK, OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU, VISITED GUYANA DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3. THE PF MEMBERS MET WITH GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG) FONMIN RASHLEIGH JACKSON, AS WELL AS WITH JANET JAGAN, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE OPPOSITION MOSCOW-ORIENTED PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) AND A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED "GUYANA CHRONICLE", AHMED THANKED THE GOG FOR SUPPORTING IN INTERNATIONAL FORA
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THE "STRUGGLE OF THE SAHARAN PEOPLE," AND ASSENTED THAT THE FRONT WAS PREPARED TO CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE, BOTH POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY. THE "MIRROR" REPORT OF THE VISIT MENTIONED THAT JANET JAGAN ATTENDED THE CELEBRATION LAST FEBRUARY IN THE WESTERN SAHARA COMMEMORATING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE "SAHAROURI ARABIAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC," (SADR) AND THAT THE PPP

WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PF.

3. COMMENT: A USUALLY RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE PF OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED FOR GOG RECOGNITION OF THE SADR. ALTHOUGH THE GOG IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE PF THE "CHRONICLE" REFERRED TO AHMED AND SALEK AS "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" --THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRESS TO DATE (SEPT 12).HAS NOT EVEN OBLIQUELY MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION. THE "MIRROR" REPORT CLAIMS THAT "STRONG SUPPORT" FOR THE PF IS EXPECTED AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA, AND IT APPEARS SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE PF DELEGATION SOUGHT THE SUPPORT OF THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT FOR WHATEVER STRATEGY THE PF HAS IN MIND FOR THE UNGA.
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